Federal Coal Exploration License Plan
for the
OAK MESA AREA
within
Delta County, Colorado

Exploration License No. COC-74911

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NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON PRESENT DURING EXPLORATION:

Oxbow Mining, LLC,
P.O. Box 535
3737 Highway 133
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Contact: This will be provided to the BLM contact person upon approval of exploration drilling application and prior to initiation of drilling activities.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Coal exploration drilling is needed to determine seam reserve availability for possible development of a new underground coal mine within Delta County, by Oxbow Mining, LLC. The proposed Oak Mesa exploration area is located in Delta County to the west of the Orchard Valley Mine. The exploration drilling will be used to confirm the quality and quantity of the coal within this area.

The Exploration License Area: (COC-74911)

Oxbow Mining, LLC (Oxbow) requests an Exploration License for the Oak Mesa area located in Delta County on private surface lands and lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Oak Mesa exploration license area is located within the area described as follows and shown on the attached map (Plate 2) Oak Mesa Project, Proposed Drilling Program. This area contains approximately 13,873 acres more or less.

Township 13 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.
Sec 7, Lots 13-20;
Sec 8, S/2;
Sec 9, S/2;
Sec 15, Lots 13, 18, 19, and 22;
Sec 16, All;
Sec 17, All;
Sec 18, All;
Sec 19, All;
Sec 20, All;
Sec 21, All;
Sec 22, Lots 4, 5, 12, and 13;
Sec 28, Lots 2-7;
Sec 29, All;
Sec 30, Lots 5-18;

Township 13 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.
Sec 9, Lots 9-16;
Sec 10, Lots 9-16;
Sec 11, Lots 9-16;
Sec 12, Lots 9-16;
Sec 13, All;
Sec 14, All;
Sec 15, Lots 1-10, 14-15;
Sec 16, Lots 1-4;
Sec 23, Lots 1-15;
Sec 24, All;
Sec 25, All;
Sec 26, Lots 1-15;
Sec 35, All;
Sec36, Lots 1-8, 11-14.

Of the approximately 13,873 acres of surface described above, 67.8% (9,408 acres) of this surface is privately owned, and 32.2% (4,465acres) are managed by the BLM.

Exploration drilling activities will be short term and will be conducted over a two year period. Exploration mobilization is expected to begin as soon as approval is given and weather and ground conditions allow. It is expected to be completed within two years.

The Exploration Area and Geology:

The proposed exploration license covers upland areas located between the West Roatcap Creek and Leroux Creek drainages and north of the community of Hotchkiss. The area lies generally west of the Orchard Valley coal lease tracts (C-53356 and C37210). The geology and coal character are anticipated to be similar to the Orchard Valley coal lease tract with at least one seam of recoverable coal, outcropping on the southern slopes of the Oak Mesa, and dipping into the mesa at approximately 5 degrees.

Topography:

The surface lands of this proposed exploration area consist of a combination of privately owned and BLM managed sections, however, a majority of the exploration drill pads will occur on private surface, with seven drillholes expected to occur on BLM surface. The elevation in the exploration area ranges from approximately 7,350 ft. above mean sea level (amsl) in the drainages of the exploration license area to 9,100 ft. (amsl) in the north portion of the area. Forty-three (43) drill sites are proposed with elevations ranging from approximately 7,590 to 8,974 feet (amsl). This area is semi-arid with annual precipitation of approximately 17 inches, mostly as snow.

Hydrology:

Both Leroux Creek and West Roatcap Creek are perennial drainages with minor flows occurring all year long. The flow volumes vary in response to spring snowmelt and runoff from major rainfall events. Flow volumes will also vary depending upon the amount of runoff that is diverted into irrigation channels that run through this area and provide water to local orchards and farm land. There are two other drainages, the Dever, and Jay Creek drainages that are in the area of the proposed exploration drilling activities. These drainages have intermittent flows that varying depending upon runoff available and varying amounts captured by local irrigation canals. Proposed exploration activities will be located no closer than 1,000 ft. to Leroux Creek or West Roatcap drainage channels.

Soils:

The environmental resources and values occurring within the proposed area are projected to be consistent

with those of surrounding areas. We do not anticipate any unique values or resources of special concern. Soils on the ridgelines and steep valley sideslopes are generally shallow and rocky with deeper, more developed soils in the valley bottoms. Soils vary in thickness and generally contain a high percentage of rock fragments interbedded with clay and siltstones.

Biology:

Vegetation cover types are projected to be consistent with the terrain and semi-arid climate found on the upland area. Seven upland vegetation types are found in this area ranging from Gambel Oak – Mountain Shrub to Pinyon – Juniper and minor amounts of Meadow, cottonwood, Riparian and Aspen communities. A wide range of wildlife species inhabit the general area, although use and habitat values maybe limited by the semi-arid climate and terrain and vegetative cover types. The area has been evaluated for applicable T&E species and no Threatened, Endangered or Candidate species were found in this area. BLM sensitive species will be evaluated per license requirements.

Cultural Resources and National Register of Historic Places

All but three drillholes were evaluated for cultural resources, the remaining three holes will be evaluated before any disturbance or drilling occurs around these holes.

Typical drilling methods and activities that may occur during the exploration drilling process:

Oxbow Mining, LLC expects to drill 43 exploration drillholes as shown on Table 1 below. This table provides a summary of the proposed exploration holes. The attached map (Plate 2) Oak Mesa Project; Proposed Drilling Program shows the projected drilling locations.

Once the exploration application and State NOI to drill have been approved, drilling will commence as soon as weather, ground conditions and surface access agreements allow. The drilling season is expected to last from late March to Mid November, but may vary depending upon weather and surface owner access agreements, and timing of approval of this exploration drilling application. Drilling is projected to consist of at least two crews per drilling rig drilling 10-12 hr. days with four days off. Drilling equipment is projected to consist of a Portadrill TKT sized rig that can complete both rotary and coring activities with the same rig. All drilling equipment will be inspected to ensure that appropriate safety equipment is available should the need arise. Supporting that rig will be a 4000 gal water truck, a flatbed truck with drilling supplies, and an E-log truck for running digital logs of each drill hole and two pickups for crew transportation.

Excavated earth or debris- disposal activities:

Sites, whenever possible, will be accessed using existing available light duty pre-existing ranch roads. When roads are not available, temporary roads will typically be constructed using a grader, which will blade using sidecast methods an approximate 12 foot wide running surface. Road construction estimates are based upon survey work and aerial photos which were taken in September of 2011. Drillhole locations maybe adjusted slightly in the field to optimize the placement of the drill pad. Light use roads and road construction distances may be adjusted to represent the more current information.

Most existing road alignments will not require modification, but may require road maintenance consisting of grading the road to provide a smooth operating surface, clean-out and repair of any existing drainage ditches and application of temporary drainage control measures (berms, straw bales, silt fences, gravel surfacing, etc.) as necessary. New road construction will be kept to a minimum and will follow applicable BLM specifications. Following the conclusion of drilling activities, the temporary roads will be obliterated by grading to approximate original contour and distributing the rock, brush, soils, etc. pushed along the sides of the road back across the road corridor. Total estimated disturbance is 21.5 acres for Forty-three (43) drill pads and 11.36 acres for roads for a total disturbance of 32.86 acres.

Drilling and Related Activities:

As much as possible drilling will be conducted with minimal site preparation, since the drill rig can be set-up and leveled using self-contained hydraulic jacks. Where site preparation is necessary due to the need to utilize drilling fluids, a pad having maximum dimensions of approximately 180 feet by 120 feet will be established (approx. 0.5 acre disturbance per site). Pad preparation will involve the use of a tracked dozer approximately D6 sized or a utility type backhoe to establish a level drill site and dig a mud pit should the need require it. If topsoil exists, up to 12" will be salvaged and stored in a stockpile along one or more sides of the pad and marked with a "topsoil" sign(s).

Drill holes will be drilled using 8 ¾ inch rotary hole to a depth of up to 200ft. depending upon ground conditions. This hole will be cased with a resulting hole diameter of 6 ½ inches the remainder of the rotary drilling will be with a 6 ¼ inch drill to the desired depth above the coal seam where a 3 inch core drill will recover portions of the material above and below the coal seam, and the coal seam. See Table 1 for the approximate rotary and core depths and total hole depth.

In order to avoid potential sample contamination, drill holes will be completed to the extent possible with air, air-foam, or water as the circulation medium. If we have difficulty keeping drillholes open and sample contamination minimized, it may be necessary to use drilling muds to maintain circulation and drillhole integrity. In that event polymer muds that are free of metallic compounds will be utilized. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 gallons of water will be used for each drillhole under normal drilling conditions.

Drill mud pit(s) for the containment of drilling fluids and cuttings will be excavated with a backhoe within the pad area. The pit will be approximately 20 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 8 feet deep (47.4 cubic yards each). This material may be used to assist in preparing a drillpad.

All drilling and related operations will be conducted by experienced exploration drillers in such a way as to minimize potential environmental impacts, and will be supervised by a qualified geologist. During drilling operations, water levels and flows in the drill holes (if any) will be closely monitored in order to characterize hydrologic conditions in the seams intersected. Samples of immediate roof and floor rock materials and of each coal seam intersected will be logged and may be collected during drilling for subsequent analysis. Drillholes will be logged by the geologist as drilling occurs and will be e-logged to provide appropriate information for the geologist to use in developing a geologic model of the exploration area. Transportation of these crews will be by one or two pickups per shift. One for the crew and one for the geologist.

During drilling, Oxbow will control dust from drilling and related activities, divert and control both natural runoff from disturbed areas and fluid loss from drilling, and will clean-up any trash or debris. If air is utilized as the circulation medium, dust from drilling will be controlled by a flexible shroud at the drill collar. Drill cuttings and portable pits or excavated mud pits will effectively contain drilling fluids as discussed above.

Hole Completion:

Oxbow may complete several of these exploration holes as water monitoring wells, in preparation for base line monitoring required for permit submission. Identification of specific drillholes to be completed as water monitoring wells will occur once initial meetings with the Colorado division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) has occurred and we have received their direction on locations for monitoring wells. Drill holes selected to be completed as monitoring wells will be completed in accordance with the guidelines agreed to by the BLM and CDRMS for monitoring wells. Once monitoring is no longer required, these wells will be reclaimed as described below under site reclamation. The projected hole depths are provided on Table 1.

Table 1
Proposed Exploration Drillholes

Drillhole ID*	Northing	Easting	Collar Elevation	Existing Road	Temporary New Road	Temporary disturbance	Township	Range	Section	Water Haul	Estimated Rotary drilling depth	Estimated Core Drilling	Rollins Sandstone Top Structure Elevation	Total drillhole depth
			(ft.)	(Miles)	(Miles)	(Acres)				(Miles)	(ft.)	(ft.)	(ft.)	(ft.)
OM-YR-02	1404167	2364288	8,818	0.13	0.12	0.70	13	93	13	4.24	1,606	250	6,962	1,856
OM-YR-03R	1398893	2368638	8,408	1.06	0.12	0.70	13	92	19	6.50	943	250	7,215	1,193
OM-YR-04R	1396526	2365136	8,257	0.58	0.42	1.22	13	93	25	7.40	579	250	7,428	829
OM-YR-05	1393263	2359302	7,949	0.50	0.09	0.65	13	93	26	2.96	179	250	7,520	429
OM-YR-06	1394933	2370852	8,094	0.56	0.44	1.24	13	92	30	7.96	404	250	7,440	654
OM-YR-07R	1393732	2377354	8,055	0.24	0.19	0.82	13	92	29	7.96	385	250	7,420	635
OM-YR-08	1406863	2360150	8,752	0.69	0.49	1.33	13	93	14	6.74	1,637	250	6,865	1,887
OM-YR-09	1407867	2352361	7,590	0.52	0.04	0.57	13	93	10	3.02	475	250	6,865	725
OM-YR-10	1409675	2346002	8,015	2.92	0.03	0.55	13	93	9	4.96	995	250	6,770	1,245
OM-YR-11R	1398446	2377958	8,284	0.24	0.03	0.55	13	92	20	10.05	939	250	7,095	1,189
OM-YR-12	1399446	2374421	8,346	1.14	0.21	0.86	13	92	20	10.14	1,011	250	7,085	1,261
OM-YR-13	1405476	2371978	8,620	0.66	-	0.50	13	92	18	7.65	1,582	250	6,788	1,832
OM-YR-14	1409270	2378533	8,410	1.15	0.02	0.54	13	92	8	11.02	1,260	250	6,900	1,510
OM-YR-15R	1399965	2380348	7,592	0.82	0.56	1.45	13	92	21	5.94	347	250	6,995	597
OM-YR-16	1408794	2372471	8,838	0.99	-	0.50	13	92	7	7.45	1,953	250	6,635	2,203
OM-YR-17	1403893	2374100	8,493	1.05	-	0.50	13	92	17	8.71	1,393	250	6,850	1,645
OM-YR-18	1407806	2365683	8,969	0.51	0.33	1.05	13	93	12	5.74	1,984	250	6,735	2,234
OM-YR-19	1390676	2361017	7,852	1.06	-	0.50	13	93	35	3.93	32	180	7,640	212
OM-YR-20	1406692	2346039	7,860	0.62	0.06	0.60	13	93	16	5.61	682	250	6,928	932
OM-YR-21R	1406127	2383922	7,930	0.19	0.14	0.73	13	92	9	2.83	1,048	250	6,632	1,298
OM-YR-22	1403465	2383821	7,916	0.35	0.18	0.81	13	92	16	7.84	848	250	6,818	1,098
OM-YR-23R	1397363	2360458	8,230	1.72	0.21	0.85	13	93	23	1.93	564	250	7,416	814
OM-YR-24	1401336	2364428	8,581	0.28	0.23	0.89	13	93	24	4.35	1,201	250	7,130	1,451
OM-YR-25	1404327	2355248	7,818	0.95	0.04	0.56	13	93	16	1.98	523	250	7,045	773
OM-YR-26	1401095	2372844	8,420	0.16	0.46	1.28	13	92	19	9.10	1,150	250	7,020	1,400
OM-YR-27	1394993	2378723	8,141	0.77	0.02	0.53	13	92	29	9.98	581	250	7,310	831
OM-YR-28	1393005	2370603	8,014	-	0.39	1.15	13	92	30	8.02	224	250	7,540	474
OM-YR-29	1393219	2363091	8,027	0.89	0.07	0.62	13	93	25	3.33	177	250	7,600	427
OM-YR-30	1403538	2367889	8,674	1.10	-	0.50	13	93	18	6.23	1,469	250	6,955	1,719
OM-YR-31	1406104	2368438	8,762	0.59	0.25	0.92	13	92	18	6.31	1,717	250	6,795	1,967
OM-YR-32	1408393	2369588	8,782	0.41	0.05	0.58	13	92	7	6.51	1,867	250	6,665	2,117
OM-YR-33	1406529	2375823	8,349	1.36	-	0.50	13	92	17	5.22	1,384	250	6,715	1,634
OM-YR-34	1396917	2374966	8,212	-	0.49	1.32	13	92	20	9.96	720	250	7,242	970
OM-YR-35	1401744	2361912	8,519	0.94	0.11	0.68	13	93	24	3.84	1,129	250	7,140	1,379
OM-YR-36	1404013	2359737	8,579	0.39	0.26	0.94	13	93	14	7.13	1,274	250	7,055	1,524
OM-YR-37	1406055	2357861	8,200	0.57	0.17	0.78	13	93	14	3.95	990	250	6,960	1,240
OM-YR-38	1406195	2362377	8,747	1.11	0.18	0.80	13	93	13	5.65	1,617	250	6,880	1,867
OM-YR-39	1402809	2378208	7,780	0.95	0.09	0.66	13	92	20	6.93	654	250	6,876	904
OM-YR-40	1405182	2380147	7,622	0.81	-	0.50	13	92	16	3.85	612	250	6,760	862
OM-YR-41	1407697	2380844	8,303	0.48	-	0.50	13	92	9	10.44	1,427	250	6,626	1,677
OM-YR-42	1408311	2357935	8,099	1.31	0.20	0.84	13	93	11	8.52	1,021	250	6,828	1,271
OM-YR-43	1408508	2363209	8,974	0.45	0.03	0.55	13	93	12	5.61	1,999	250	6,725	2,249
OM-YR-44	1401550	2385276	8,035	0.12	-	0.50	13	92	22	7.49	887	250	6,898	1,137
			Total		7.89	32.86					43,470	10,680		54,15
				31.37										0

*Note: The YR notation within the drillhole identifier will later be changed to reflect the year drilling was completed.
Drillhole coordinates have been converted to NAD 83 format.

Site Reclamation:

Upon completion of drilling and related activities, all drill holes will be backfilled, sealed and abandoned. During drilling, fluid return will be monitored to identify the depth and extent of any water-producing zones. Upon abandonment, in accordance with Drill Hole Plugging Procedures agreed to by BLM and CDRMS, bentonite chips, bentonite plug gel or similar seal will be established in the bottom of the hole, extending to within ten feet of the surface. A cement plug will be set in the hole ten (10) feet below the ground to within three (3) feet of the surface. Accumulations of drill cuttings and mud will be backfilled into and buried in the mud pit (if any) or otherwise buried.

All trash and debris will be removed from drill sites for disposal. Excavations, including mud pits, will be backfilled. Where mud pits are necessary, they may be temporarily fenced and allowed to dry and/or backfilled with drill cuttings and/or previously excavated material. During backfilling, the material will be mixed and compacted as it is replaced, by running the equipment over the backfilled area during placement of successive lifts. Following backfilling, disturbance areas will be graded to their approximate original configuration and surface drainage re-established. Any salvaged topsoil materials will be re-spread onto the regraded surface and reseeding of the areas (pads and roads) will take place using the following seed mixture. A metal post with tag will be placed in the vicinity of the hole as a permanent marker.

Table 2
Seed Mix for Oakbrush Zone
(source: BLM - UFO)

SPECIES	% of Mix	PLS	#/Acre
Western Wheatgrass var Arriba	12	8.0	0.96
Slender Wheatgrass var San Luis	12	5.5	0.66
Mountain Brome var Bromar	12	12.5	1.5
Big Bluegrass var Sherman	12	1.5	0.18
Bottlebrush Squirreltail	12	8.0	0.96
Canada Wild rye	12	7.0	0.94
American Vetch	6	10.0	0.6
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	6	1.5	0.09
Western Yarrow	6	1.0	0.06
Total application rate for incorporated seed			5.95 #/acre

Seed application rates will be doubled if aerial broadcast methods are used.

Seed mix shown in Table 2 above is a standard mix. This mix may vary on private surface depending upon seed mixes agreed to with each surface landowner. Seeding will take place in the fall or early spring. Periodic monitoring of re-seeding efforts and weed control will occur for a couple of field seasons to determine stand success, or until vegetation sustainability allows for Bond release of each drilling sites disturbance.

Estimated amounts of coal to be removed during exploration

During the exploration drilling process an estimated 8 tons of coal will be recovered from this area. This coal will occur in the form of coal core that is recovered, so that it can be analyzed to determine its physical, chemical, and energy related properties, this will allow for the determination of whether it is of sufficient quality and quantity to allow Oxbow to apply for a coal lease in this area. Coal tonnages removed were calculated by estimating the volume of coal to be removed from each exploration drillhole, times the typical weight of coal at 80 #/cu. ft. as shown below:

Volume of coal removed: $V = \pi r^2 h$

r = 3 inches, h = 12 ft. ave. per seam assume 2 seams of coal encountered.

Estimated tonnage = 8.01 tons of coal removed during exploration drilling process.

Miscellaneous Project-Specific Plans and Parameters:

Exploration activities are expected to be completed before winter weather makes roads impassable, however they may be extended depending upon when the exploration permit is approved.

Water hauled to the exploration sites will be obtained from local sources in accordance with existing Colorado water rights.

All trash, debris, oily waste, filter waste, hazardous waste, etc will be removed from the drill site for proper disposal offsite. No RCRA hazardous waste materials are anticipated to be used on the project.

All drilling equipment will be provided with fire extinguishers and shovels which will be available for fighting small fires if necessary. Drilling crews will be available to control very small fires associated with drilling activities but are not equipped or trained to fight larger rangeland fires.

The exploration program will otherwise comply with the requirements of Coal Rule 2.02 of the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board and the CDRMS rules 3.05, 4.03.3, 4.07.3,4.21 and any other stipulations or regulations required upon approval of the BLM's exploration application and the States NOI to drill permit.

Reclamation Bonding:

As soon as the Exploration Application has been approved, all appropriate State and Federal Bonds will be obtained before drilling occurs.

Use of Data:

Oxbow will retain for 1 year, unless a shorter time is authorized by the authorized officer, all drill and geophysical logs and shall make such logs available for inspection or analysis by the authorized officer if requested.

Surface Owner and Oxbow's right to enter their surface to explore for Federal coal

Below are listed the surface owners of record that overlie the Federal coal within this area. Oxbow claims the right to enter this surface based upon the Act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat., 862), in which the coal was exempted from the land patent for the United States, and provides for prospecting or exploration of this coal upon approval by the BLM.

Surface Owner Information
Based upon Delta County
Assessor Property Records as of May 1, 2011

Surface Owner Contact Information

Surface Owners with proposed drilling on their surfaces:

Nick R. Hughes
708 1250 Rd.
Delta, CO 81416
(970)201-1476
Approximate acres: 3967 acres, Conservation Easement
Projected drillholes: 13

James Patterson Family Trust c/o(Jeanie Stroh)
32496 J Road
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
(970)872-2133
Approximate Acres: 1,548 acres
Projected drillholes: 8

Bear Ranch LEX
1601 Forum Place, Suite 1400
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(561) 697-4300
Approximate Acres: 726 acres
Projected Drillholes: 3

RMS Properties
P.O. Box 4343
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(707) 528-6350 (Jayne Slayton, Property Manager)
Approximate Acres: 598 acres
Projected Drillholes: 2

Gayle Ware/Debbie Gray/Sherry Burr
31247 R50 Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
Gayle Ware (970) 872-2412;
Approximate Acres: 486 acres, Conservation Easement
Projected Drillholes: 2

Jerry Knight Trustee, Penny Knight Trustee
P.O. Box 3
Lazear, CO 81420
Approximate Acres: 372 acres
Projected Drillholes: 1

Michael Wood
29113 North Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
Chris Sanchez (970) 527-6434
Approximate Acres: 136 acres, Conservation Easement
Projected Drillholes: 1

NW Grosse-Rhode
41511 Lamborn Mesa Rd.
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 527-6434
Approximate acres: 262 acres
Projected Drillholes: 2

Robert Conder
P.O. Box 732
Norwood, CO 81423
Approximate Acres: 236 acres
Projected Drillholes: 1

Marvin White
28820 North Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
(970)872-3778
Approximate Acres: 183 acres, Conservation Easement
Projected Drillholes: 1

Eddy Roussin/Dan Roussin
40554 German Creek Dr.
Paonia, CO 81419
(970) 497-0792
Approximate Acres: 131acres
Projected drillholes: 1

Ray Scott
230 Meeka Ct.
Grand Junction, CO 81503
Approximate Acres: 35 acres
Projected Drillholes: 1

BLM Uncompahgre Field office
Land and Real estate div.
2465 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81404
Approximate Acres: 4466 acres
Projected Drillholes: 7

Surface Owners within the proposed exploration area, but without drilling activities:

Christopher Sanchez
14129 3100 Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
(970) 872-4181
Approximate Acres: 191 acres, Conservation Easement

Bruce Bufkin
18880 3100 Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
Approximate Acres: 83 acres

William Ellison
634 31 Rd.
Grand Junction, CO 81504
Approximate Acres: 42 acres

Laurie lane
P.O. Box 596
Morgan, UT 84050
Approximate Acres: 41 acres

Kevin Frisk
5120 County Rd. 8 NW
Alexandra, MN 56308
Approximate Acres: 40 acres

Keith Piper
7238 County Rd 8 NW
Alexandra, MN 56308
Approximate Acres: 40 acres

Rick Weed
504 E. Baker St.
Warsaw, IN 46580
Approximate Acres: 39 acres

Bradley Muncaster/Melissa Archer
2881 Music Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Approximate Acres: 38 acres

Lila Castella
476 OL'SUN Dr.
Grand Junction, CO 81504
Approximate Acres: 35 acres

Kenneth Stoy
P.O. Box 1965
Montrose, CO 81402
Approximate Acres: 31 acres

Cindy Watson/ Carol Watson
1013 Scenic Cir.
Montrose, CO 81401
Approximate Acres: 13 acres

Michael Handelman
P.O. Box 632
Wrightwood, CA 92397
Approximate Acres: 6 acres

Mark Smith
30869 L25 Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
Approximate Acres: 4 acres

Black Canyon Regional Land Trust
c/o Sue McIntosh, director
1500 E. Oak Grove Rd., Suite 201
Montrose, CO 81401
(970)252-1481
Trustee of land placed into Conservation Easements

Total Acres Affected: 13,873 acres (see Plate 2 Surface Owners)

Coal Mineral Owner Information
Based upon GLO Records
as of May 1, 2011

Mineral Owner Contact Information

Mineral Owners within and adjacent to proposed exploration area:

Bear Ranch LEX
1601 Forum Place, Suite 1400
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
51% mineral owner of parcel within Section 26, T13S, R93W

Harry Michael Wood
29113 North Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
49% mineral owner of parcel within Section 26, T13S, R93W

Gayle Ware/Debbie Gray/Sherry Burr
31247 R50 Rd.
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
Gayle Ware (970) 872-2412; Sherry Burr (970) 210-5690; Debbie Gray (970) 872-3973

RMS Properties
P.O. Box 4343
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(970) 835-9350 (Mark Shaffer listing agent)

Royden Girling, %Nancy Peterkin
5787 Indian Cir.
Houston, TX 77057

NKA Bowie Resources LLC A, Kentucky LLC
1500 N. Big Run Rd.
Ashland, KY 41102

BLM Uncompahgre Field office
Land and Real estate div.
2465 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81404

Ritchie Ranch Trust
PO Box 326
Hotchkiss, CO 81419

Kathleen Smith
PO Box 1962
Page, AZ 86040

Joy McClure
38685 Stucker Mesa Rd.
Paonia, CO 81428

Michael McClure
PO Box 1211
Paonia, CO 81428

Wildwood Ranch LLC
PO Box 25
Paonia, CO 81248

Balcony Farms LLC
18 Old Agua Fria Rd West
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Appendix A
Notice of Invitation

Appendix A – Application
Application for Federal Coal Exploration License
Oak Mesa Coal Exploration Plan
Delta, Colorado
May, 2011

In accordance with Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part/Subpart 3410, §3410.2-1, the Applicant:

Oxbow Mining LLC
PO Box 535
3737 Hwy 133
Somerset, Colorado 81434
Contact: Steve Weist, (970) 929-6461

Hereby applies for a license to explore for coal on un-leased Federal coal lands in the Oak Mesa Area of Delta County, Colorado. Following is the legal description of the requested lands:

Location and Description of Lands

Township 13 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.
Sec 7, Lots 13-20;
Sec 8, S/2;
Sec 9, S/2;
Sec 15, Lots 13, 18, 19, and 22;
Sec 16, All;
Sec 17, All;
Sec 18, All;
Sec 19, All;
Sec 20, All;
Sec 21, All;
Sec 22, Lots 4, 5, 12, and 13;
Sec 28, Lots 2-7;
Sec 29, All;
Sec 30, All;

Township 13 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.
Sec 9, Lots 9-16;
Sec 10, Lots 9-16;
Sec 11, Lots 9-16;
Sec 12, Lots 9-16;
Sec 13, All;
Sec 14, All;
Sec 15, Lots 1-10, 14-15;
Sec 16, Lots 1-4;
Sec 23, All;
Sec 24, All;
Sec 25, All;
Sec 26, All;
Sec 35, All;
Sec36, Lots 1-8, 11-14.

Containing approximately 14,044 acres more or less.

These lands can be found on USGS Quadrangle Maps: Gray Reservoir, CO and Dry Creek, CO.

Attachments

Three copies of the Oak Mesa Coal Exploration Plan compiled in accordance with 43 CFR 3482.1(a) with Maps 1 through 4 depicting location, topography, surface and coal ownership, existing and proposed drill hole locations, access roads, and preliminary geology.

The Filing Fee of $310.00 required by 43 CFR 3473.2(b) is enclosed.

A Notice of Invitation will be published in the Delta County Independent in accordance with 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1) as soon as Oxbow Mining LLC receives notification from the BLM that this application is complete for the purposes of filing.

Notice of Invitation for Federal Coal Exploration License Application
Oxbow Mining LLC, Oak Mesa Coal Exploration Plan

Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Oxbow Mining LLC in a program for the exploration of un-leased coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following described lands located in Delta, Colorado.

Township 13 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.
Sec 7, Lots 13-20;
Sec 8, S/2;
Sec 9, S/2;
Sec 15, Lots 13, 18, 19, and 22;
Sec 16, All;
Sec 17, All;
Sec 18, All;
Sec 19, All;
Sec 20, All;
Sec 21, All;
Sec 22, Lots 4, 5, 12, and 13;
Sec 28, Lots 2-7;
Sec 29, All;
Sec 30, All;

Township 13 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.
Sec 9, Lots 9-16;
Sec 10, Lots 9-16;
Sec 11, Lots 9-16;
Sec 12, Lots 9-16;
Sec 13, All;
Sec 14, All;
Sec 15, Lots 1-10, 14-15;
Sec 16, Lots 1-4;
Sec 23, All;
Sec 24, All;
Sec 25, All;
Sec 26, All;
Sec 35, All;
Sec36, Lots 1-8, 11-14.

The area described contains approximately 14,044 acres more or less.

The application for federal coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC-74911 at the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215 and at the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401.

Written Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to the attention of the following persons and must be received by them within 30 days after publication of the Notice of Invitation in the Federal Register:

Kurt M. Barton
Solid Minerals Staff
Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals
Colorado State Office
Bureau of Land Management
2850 Youngfield Street
Lakewood, CO 80215

And

Oxbow Mining LLC
PO Box 535
3737 Hwy 133
Somerset, CO 81434
Attention: Steve Weist

Any Party electing to participate in this program must share all costs on a pro rata basis with the applicant and with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.